

Parker, Bridget &amp; Co.

**YOU pay your own price for the Suit or Overcoat you want at P-B's. Our stocks are so large and varied that this is possible.**

You can pay \$15—18—20—25—30—35—40, and find what you want at every price.

We are anxious for you to see.

20

"a better twenty"

—the \$20 P-B Coats and Suits that set the pace for extra value.

Parker, Bridget &amp; Co.

The Avenue at Ninth

## Gymnasium Classes Now Open

The schedule is designed to meet the needs of all men and boys. Business men will find classes to fit their needs at convenient hours. First-class equipment. All work done under expert supervision. Every man needs regular physical exercise in order to reach his maximum efficiency. No better place in the city to get it than the Association Gym.

Free Physical and Medical examination and prescription of exercise for every member who uses the Gym. Dues only \$15 a year. Investigate today. Present this ad to Membership Office for free trial.

Y. M. C. A.  
1736 G Street Northwest.

## Gifts for Women

—Things useful as well as beautiful at attractive prices. Traveling Bags, \$3 to \$20. Fitted Bags, \$15 to \$30. Suit Cases, \$3.50 to \$20. Fitted Cases, \$9.50 to \$25. Pocketbooks, 50c to \$5. Shopping Bags, \$1 to \$15. Boston Bags, \$4.50 up. Toilet Cases, \$1.50 to \$20. Manicure Sets, \$1.25 to \$15. Trunks and Baggage Repaired.

**KNEESSI'S**  
425 7th St. Phone Main 2000

## For Husky Throat—ZYMOLÉ TROKEYS

Make Mouth Sweet—Throat and Voice Clear



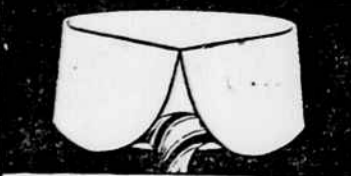
Your Druggist has them

Over 32,000 Open Accounts.  
CAPITAL \$1,000,000  
EARNED SURPLUS \$1,000,000

## Money Grows

—to best advantage where the conditions for growth are most favorable. "At this bank you will be offered every incentive to deposit your savings steadily."

Same rate of interest paid on both large and small accounts.  
**National Savings and Trust Company**  
Corner 15th and N. Y. Ave.  
FOURTY-NINTH YEAR.



**ARROW**  
Notch COLLARS  
TWO NEW STYLES, EASY TO PUT ON AND TAKE OFF.  
2 for 25 cents  
CLUETT, PEARSON & CO., INC., MAKERS

## Best Quality COAL

Lowest Prices  
For C. O. D. delivery east of 17th and south of W. st. and in Brooklyn.  
White Ash, \$7.10. Large Furnace, \$6.60.  
Chester, \$7.25. W. A. \$6.55.  
P. A. \$5.25 per ton.  
Subject to change without notice.  
We handle only the best grade of coal that can be bought, and guarantee 2500 pounds to every ton. Cash, 4 years.  
**JOHN MILLER & CO.**  
PHONE MAIN 6206, 911 H ST. N.W.

## CRIES THE EFFECT OF WAR ON LABOR

Executive Council, A. F. of L., Asserts Injurious Results of Conflict in Europe.

## REPORT IS SUBMITTED AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

World's Congress of Workers Following the Cessation of Hostilities, Is Proposed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 8.—Presentation of the annual report of the executive council featured the opening day of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opened here today for a session of two weeks. President Samuel Gompers presented the report which pronounced the year past the most momentous in the history of organized labor and one of extraordinary stress for the labor movement, testing as it had its very existence. "There is not a country, and there is scarcely a relation in the common life," says the council's report, "that does not show the effect of the war in Europe. From our present viewpoint these effects are primarily destructive. Whatever of constructive value shall come out of it all will depend upon the wisdom, the ability and the statesmanship of the real statesmen of the nations. But at present we see customs, institutions and the relationship that are the result of years of struggle and persistent effort to realize ideals swept away by the great tide of destruction and lost in the clash of arms, the smoke of the battlefields and in the terrors of naval warfare."

**War's Effect in United States.**  
Describing the effects of the war upon organized labor and American customs and institutions, the report deals at length with the interest of the belligerent European nations to interfere with the peaceful pursuit of American industries.

"Some of these movements," it says, "have been genuine, others have been created by individuals and thus they were really unneutral. These movements have taken various forms. Some have tried to place the agencies of the state and governmental authorities of our country; others have tried to work upon public opinion and still others have sought to use the good name of our labor movement to further the interests of some foreign country."

High tribute was paid the workmen of the nation through whose patriotism, the report says, these plans have been foiled. "The efforts of our country have been of two kinds," the report continues, "one to get through them the imposture of the foreign policy to place an embargo upon so-called munitions of war, the other has been to stir up industrial contentions and disputes and thus interfere with the actual process of production so that products to be sent abroad may be stopped. Foreign agencies have been trying to corruptly reach some of the organizations of the workers, but they have not succeeded. There is nothing touching the industrial and commercial life of America that is not of interest to the warring nations."

## World Congress Proposed.

The holding of a world's labor congress at the same time and place that peace debates were held when the war ended is recommended in the report as "necessary in order to infuse the spirit of humanity and democracy into this political conference." In order that the position of the United States workmen in this regard be fully representative of the country's unanimous voice of labor, the report recommends that all international unions be urged to give the plan their support.

The report covers the recent investigation by labor leaders of the military law. In that connection, it says: "Up to the present we have received no complaint nor have we learned of any act in which the military arm of the government has misused the Dick law to effect or curb the aspirations of the working people of the land. We refer particularly to the situation in Colorado last year. The corporation had practically coerced and intimidated the officials of the state and had overruled the laws of the state. There is not nearly so grave a danger in the Dick law as there is in the menace threatening our institutions through the private detective agencies and the private army or gunmen."

Attention is also called in the report to the work of the United States commission on industrial relations. Chairman Walsh and the labor representatives Messrs. W. C. Sullivan and Garretson, are praised for their "judgment and determination, which brought to light many wrongs and injustices that might otherwise have been concealed or overlooked."

The commission's report is strongly indorsed by the executive council, which recommends that the convention of the next Congress be made a report and hearings of the commission public documents.

**Alleges Attempt to Discredit.**  
"Because the commission did not follow conventional lines and so presented facts and materials that are usually carefully suppressed and not available to the masses of the people," the report continues, "there was initiated against the commission a campaign for the purpose of discrediting in advance the final report. However, the labor movement as well as all citizens who have sympathy and understanding of the lives of the wage earners united in a determined effort to defeat this campaign and to make known their approval of the policy the commission followed."

In reviewing legislation by the last Congress, the report expresses the executive council's approval of the seamen's bill. The law, it says, will afford a large measure of safety provisions for the general public who travel the high seas and the report adds, "we feel confident in asserting that the passage of this legislation by the Sixty-third Congress was one of its distinctions."

Statistical reports were read showing the average membership for the American Federation of Labor for the year was 1,945,347, a decrease of 74,324 members, the first decrease in total membership since 1908. While the average membership shows a decrease of 74,324, the September membership is 1,994,111, a decrease of only 26,560. A statement in membership is predicted to follow the readjustment of conditions affected by the European war.

Expenditures for the year 1915 were \$302,985.95 and receipts, \$271,625.53, as compared with \$265,737.21 and \$293,166.97 in 1914.

## FRANCE AND HOLLAND TO SEND COMMISSIONERS

Stimulation of Interest in Extension of Reciprocal Commercial Relations Object Sought.

With the purpose of stimulating interest in the extension of reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and both France and Holland, this country is to be visited within the next few days by commissioners composed of business men and government officials of those two nations, according to an announcement from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, headquarters of which are in the Riggs building here.

The French commission, headed by the secretary of the budget committee of the French chamber of deputies, now is due in New York. It intends to devote considerable time to a study of general economic conditions in the United States, and expects to visit leading cities not only to study American business methods, but also to interest Americans in French products and markets. Its itinerary will shortly be in the possession of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the United States Department of Commerce.

A similar commission, representing the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce, expected to arrive from Amsterdam November 6, reaching the United States about the middle of this month. It is organized along the same common plan, templates going directly to Washington to confer with representatives of the government and of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States before making further announcement as to its plans.

## ARTISTS TO COMPETE FOR KEY MONUMENT

Will Submit Designs for Memorial to Author of "Star Spangled Banner."

Accepting the invitation of the Secretary of War, 104 artists residing in various parts of the United States, have signified their intention of submitting designs, in competition, for a monument in memory of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the soldiers and sailors who participated in the battle of North Fort and the attack on Fort Mifflin in the war of 1812. No more applications will be considered. An act of Congress approved July 23, 1914, appropriated \$75,000 for the erection of the Key memorial at Fort Mifflin, Baltimore, and charged the Secretary of War with the execution of the act.

## Program of Competition.

The program of competition requires all competitors to submit models of their designs to Col. W. W. Harris, U. S. A., personal representative of the Secretary of War, on or before April 1, 1916. It is required that the models be made of white plaster on a scale of one and one-half inches to a foot. Any attempt to disclose the authorship of a design, except by means of a proper submission, it is stated, will result in the rejection of the design, the idea being to have the awards entirely on the merit without regard to the identity of the author.

It is announced that the Secretary of War will be guided in deciding the competition by the report of a jury of award, consisting of one architect and two sculptors, to be nominated by the president of the American Institute of Architects, the National Sculptors' Society, the mayor of Baltimore and Representative J. C. Linthicum of Maryland. The author of the design placed first will be awarded the contract for the erection of the memorial.

## Prizes to Be Awarded.

Other prizes will be awarded as follows: For the design placed second, \$500; for the design placed third, \$300. The Secretary of War reserves the right to reject all designs submitted, if in his opinion none is worthy of execution. The models will be placed on exhibition in the upper corridors of the War Department.

## TOBACCO MEN TO FORM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Representatives of Leading Manufacturers and Merchants Meet Today in New York.

NEW YORK, November 8.—Representatives of leading tobacco manufacturers and merchants in many cities met here today to organize the Tobacco Merchants' Association of the United States. The session is considered by tobacco dealers to be the most important gathering of the leaders of that industry ever held in this country. The capital stock represented is estimated at \$1,500,000,000 and the annual business at \$750,000,000.

## Organization was suggested at a previous conference of independent tobacco men on a call issued by editors of tobacco journals. One of its chief purposes was declared to be to relieve the trade of the conflicts which have injured it for years.

National headquarters will be established in this city and active work will begin at once. Thirty men of national reputation in the tobacco trade have consented to serve as officers and directors of the association.

## DREDGERS OUT IN FORCE.

Oyster Catch From Lower Potomac Beds Reported Fair.

Reports received from the lower Potomac indicate that the dredgers are out in force and that the natural beds at the mouth of the river are being scoured for oysters, though heavy winds on several days prevented many of the smaller boats from going out. The catch is reported fair and the oysters in excellent condition, though not very large.

Most of the dredgers working in the Potomac are taking oysters for the Baltimore packing houses and are sending them to Baltimore in railbuses employed by the firm so that they can stay on the oyster grounds all the time, going into port only for stores when needed. With the tongs and dredgers both at work the boats that have been bringing oysters to this city are having an easy time in getting cargoes. With a continuation of cold weather the demand for oysters in all the markets will be good. At Baltimore, a day or two ago, as high as 80 cents a bushel was being paid wholesale for good stock. This supply was being packed for the western trade, which is growing heavier each year with improved methods of shipping.

## Reports Theft of Two Checks.

William H. Bell, 1221 Pomeroy street southeast, complained to the police of the theft of two checks, one for \$22 and the other for \$12. The checks, he stated, were taken from Freedmen's Hospital, where he was a patient. They were signed by Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend, 2121 Massachusetts avenue northwest, and made payable at a local bank.

## SAYS SHIP LINE OFFICIAL KNEW OF LANGUAGE TEST

Secretary Redfield Makes Public Letter Quoting R. P. Schwerin, Manager of Pacific Mail.

Secretary Redfield today made public a letter which he wrote to Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in which he quotes from the records of congressional committee hearings statements of R. P. Schwerin, general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to the effect that Chinese crews fully understood the orders of the officers regarding the operation of the ships.

The letter is another angle in the controversy between the Secretary of Commerce and Mr. Schwerin over the reasons for the sale of the Pacific Mail ships. Mr. Schwerin has said the sales were made on account of the language test of the seamen's law.

Secretary Redfield said that Schwerin was informed some months ago that the department would construe the language test to mean any language which is understood in sufficient measure by both the officers and the proper proportion of the crew, and not necessarily the English language.

## Canal Act Given as Reason.

After giving the quotations, Secretary Redfield says "it is respectfully submitted that on two separate occasions, in different parts of the country, Mr. Schwerin expressly gave the canal act as a reason for the Pacific Mail Company's going out of business, and in each case a witness to the effect that the Chinese crews are able to meet the language test as interpreted by the committee and by the department."

"One must be glad the stockholders of the company have profited by the sale of their ships, while one also wonders at a reason given for this sale at the present time which is contradicted by the repeated statements of their own officers. I am informed, and believe it to be true, that there are other witnesses that could be summoned to a similar effect."

## NO CHANCE FOR CIVILIANS.

Vacancies Lacking in Commission Rank of the Army.

Privates and non-commissioned men in the army will have no opportunity to reach the commission rank by competitive examination in the immediate future because of a lack of vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant. Consequently, there

will be no chance whatever for civilians to obtain commissions in the regular army, as the enlisted personnel has the first claim on any vacancies that may exist after the graduating class at West Point has been taken care of.

Notice of this situation has been conveyed by the War Department to the various army departments.

The only opportunity for private soldiers and civilians to obtain commissions therefore, probably will be afforded by legislation at the approaching session of Congress for the increase of the military establishment in accordance with the suggestions of President Wilson and Secretary Garrison.

## THREE SMALL FIRES.

Overheated Furnace Cause of One. Total Damage About \$60.

A little fire and much smoke created excitement in the house of Mrs. Laura Dunlap, 601 3d street northeast, shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. An overheated furnace was responsible for the fire, it is stated. About \$25 damage was done.

A small fire of unknown origin occurred on the rear porch of the apartment house of Mrs. Charles Miller, 1805 Vermont place, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and did \$35 damage. No. 12 engine company yesterday afternoon extinguished a small fire in the property yard at New York and Florida avenues. No damage was done.



## What?

Never ask a fireman while on duty—That burning question is answered in the package—

**Sterling Gum**  
The 7-point gum  
PEPPERMINT - RED WRAPPER  
CINNAMON - BLUE WRAPPER

## Get Your Share of Groceries While the Prices Are Down

**PEAS** Iona Brand 7c  
A Can 5c

Dried Lima A & P Evaporated Seeded  
**BEANS** MILK RAISINS  
Lb. 8c 3 Tall Cans 25c Pkg. 10c

Sultana String **BEANS** 3 Cans 25c  
**CRANBERRIES** POUND 8c

**JUST A FEW OTHER LEADERS**  
Clothes Pins 100 for 12c  
Capers 1 bottle 10c  
Gulden's Prepared Mustard, bot. 10c

Gorton's Codfish pkg. 17c  
Daisy Milk Chocolate cake 10c  
Beardsley's Shredded Codfish, pkg. 10c

Very Best Creamery **BUTTER** lb. 33c  
Fancy Selected **EGGS** doz. 30c

Big Main Store, 607 7th St. N.W.

429 8th s.e.  
1-27 14th n.w.  
3123 14th n.w.  
815 H st. n.e.  
2139 M n.w.  
2416 Ga. ave. n.w.

MARKETS.  
Center Market.  
Eastern Mkt. s.e.  
21st & K sts. n.w.  
5th & K sts. n.w.  
Premium Parlors,  
Room 21, 810 F st.

**FREE DELIVERY**

429 8th s.e.  
1-27 14th n.w.  
3123 14th n.w.  
815 H st. n.e.  
2139 M n.w.  
2416 Ga. ave. n.w.

**FREE DELIVERY**



**Catalina Island**  
A few miles out from Los Angeles in the blue Pacific  
A world renowned sight that will add much satisfaction to your trip to the

**California Expositions**  
It is easy, delightful and inexpensive to see a score of wonderful places going out or coming back via

**Southern Pacific—Sunset Route**  
"The Exposition Line"  
For literature and information, address  
A. J. Poston, General Agent,  
911 "G" St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

# Palais Royal

A. Lisner, G & 11th Sts. Hours: 9 to 6

## Basement Store Style Show

Yesterday's Sunday papers were filled with the "Style Show" in the Third Floor Parlors—of Dresses up to \$100.00, Suits to \$75.00 and Coats to \$49.50. The show continues upstairs, supplemented tomorrow with this down stairs store "Style Show."

## New Coats \$10.00

Values to \$22.50.

This Basement Store defies all the usual trade regulations. New Coats, positively worth to \$22.50, will be here tomorrow morning at only \$10.00 for choice.

**Fur Fabric Coats.**  
**Wool Plush Coats,**  
**Seal Plush Coats,**  
**English Corduroy Coats,**  
**English Tweed Coats,**  
**Various Cloth Coats.**

## All Sizes for Misses and Women

Tomorrow's early visitors will find Satin-lined Plush Coats that have all the appearance of sealskin. And think of only \$10.00 for Ural Lamb Coats! And Fur-trimmed Coats looking worth four times \$10.00!

## Also Special Coats for Women of Conservative Taste

Mothers with grown children—yes, and grandma—will find the Coats they fancy, without very full flare, the giddy belts and other furbelows. In fact, there is a Coat for every adult and every girl, of whatever age and whatever taste. And tomorrow's early visitors will find \$22.50 Coats at only \$10.00.

## Basement Store Suits at \$10

Sizes for Misses and Women to 46 Inches.

**Wool Cloths Sponged**  
**Colors Guaranteed Fast**  
**Satin and Silk Linings**  
**Strictly Man Tailored**

Styles are reproductions and adaptations of imported autumn-winter models and include variations of the strictly tailored, semi-tailored, Norfolk, box coat, Russian blouse, belted and sport models.

Values to \$20.00, at Only \$10.00.

Materials include Poplins, Gabardines, Serges, Cheviots, Crepe Weaves, Basket Weaves, Worsteds, Men's Wear Cloths, Tweeds, Mixtures, French Serge. Colors include Navy, Copenhagen Blue, Steel, Taupe, Russian Green, Dark Brown, Black and White Pencil Stripes on brown, green, navy and sage green grounds.

Basement Store—6 elevators.



## Got Your Supply?

—of Cut Glass at Half Standard Prices.

Thousands of pieces of this Cut Glass went on sale last Monday—a week since—and only a few hundreds now remain.

## There Was No First Choice

—the last piece to be sold tomorrow will be as good as the first sold a week since, the first day of the sale. Same prices—same guarantee.

**\$1.98 and \$2.98**

**Absolutely Flawless. Fully Guaranteed.**

Everything to choose from—from Electrolite to Nappie. Larger at \$2.98; less large at \$1.98; all one quality, all of best cutting and all absolutely flawless.

## When Before and When Again?

This greatest sale that Washington has known—every one is saying so—is not likely to be ever duplicated. The war scare—now almost forgotten—lessened the demand for best cut glass and other luxuries as never before. It was then that the immense contract was given, resulting in this present sale.

When before such a sale—and when again?

## The Palais Royal

A. Lisner. Hours: 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. G and 11th Streets